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1. (Unclassified - LLM) Mr. Joe Thach, Research Analyst, House Internal Security Committee, called for permission to use certain Official Use Only items in the FBIS Asian/Pacific Daily Reports in the Committee's hearings on efforts to subvert the U.S. Armed Forces. FBIS is reviewing the material in question.

4. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Senator Harry Byrd (I., Va.) and explained our problem with the amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3526) requiring a ten percent cut in the overseas personnel of certain agencies. Senator Byrd said that he thought such a cut would be desirable as applied to most agencies and would not be willing to vote to strike the amendment, however he would be willing to support an exemption for CIA.

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25X1 5. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations
25X1 Committee staff, who told me that the Chairman intends to mark up the
Defense Appropriation bill early in June and to request a rule as soon as
House Armed Services reports the authorization bill. In consequence, there
may be no time for any meetings with the Special Group other than the 1 June
meeting which is now scheduled. Mr. Preston feels we should be prepared
for the very real possibility that this will be the only session and to make
whatever adjustments we might feel necessary in the Director's presentation.
I thanked Mr. Preston for the advice and scheduled a meeting with him for
tomorrow for [REDACTED] IC, and myself to meet with him. I am to
call Mr. Preston the first thing in the morning to set the time for the meeting.

7. (Secret - GLC) George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic
Energy staff, called to say they were trying to set the Director's update
briefing of the Committee for Tuesday, 13 June. They are polling the
Committee members on their availability and he will be back in touch
with us.

8. (Confidential - JMM) In the absence of Senator William Spong, I talked
to Thad Murray and Carolyn Fuller, of his staff, regarding the ten percent
cut in certain overseas personnel (S. 3526). They said Senator Spong would
probably support an exemption for CIA but would not support a motion to
strike the entire amendment.

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9. (Unclassified - GLC) Met with Hannah McCornack, in the office of Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), and left with her a package of material on section 504(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972 (S. 3526). Included in the package was a suggested floor statement, (Miss McCornack had previously received a copy of this from USIA with some additions USIA is suggesting.), a copy of the committee report pertaining to this section and an extract from the Congressional Record containing the discussion on Senator Bellmon's amendment exempting the Department of Agriculture from the 10 percent personnel cut provided for in this section. Miss McCornack said Senator Scott had returned to Washington this morning, but she had not yet had an opportunity to talk with him about introducing the amendment to strike section 504(a).

Later in the day we were advised that Senator Scott had agreed to introduce the amendment.

10. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), addressed the Advanced Intelligence Seminar in one of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee rooms. Cohen's remarks and request for the views of the seminar members stimulated a lively discussion of issues facing the Congress in which the Agency has a particular interest. He spent a considerable amount of time discussing Senator Cooper's bill (S. 2224) to provide for the passage of intelligence information and analyses thereof to the Congress.

In talking with Cohen after his address about the possibility of Senator Percy supporting Senator Scott's amendment to strike section 504(a) of S. 3526, Cohen said he was sure Percy would support a specific Agency exemption from this section but was equally as certain that it would be difficult to get him to vote for Scott's amendment especially in view of the fact Percy is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee which reported this bill out and he is also up for reelection this year.

Cohen mentioned he was visited yesterday by one of the Radio Free Europe employees (who is also an acquaintance of his) whose service with the Radios was terminated as the result of Cohen's contact with us on behalf of Senator Percy. Cohen said the employee in question commented that he (Cohen) was responsible for his being returned from Munich and said he was anxious not to be terminated by the Agency on the scheduled date of 27 May. Cohen asked me to look into the situation commenting only that while the Senator felt very strongly that CIA staff personnel should no longer be associated with the Radios he was not advocating the firing of these people from their employment with CIA.

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11. (Confidential - GLC) Met with Sam Goldberg, Legislative Assistant to Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.), to obtain Senator Mathias' support for the Scott amendment to strike section 504(a) of S. 3526. Goldberg said he thought the Senator would be sympathetic both to the Scott amendment and to our position on the dissemination of information provision (section 205) of this bill which I had also discussed with him. He pointed out, however, the Senator would be out of town from tomorrow until 4 June and therefore he would be unable to cast a vote if either of these amendments came up during that period.

12. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. Maury and I met with Senator Ernest Hollings (D., S.C.) to solicit his support for Senator Scott's amendment to strike section 504(a) of S. 3526. The Senator asked a number of pertinent questions both as to why the Agency should not be cut and why he should support the amendment to strike all of this section. He seemed particularly persuaded by the judicial argument which we presented that this added to an encroachment by the Foreign Relations Committee on judicial responsibility of other committees (such as the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees) in making cuts in the personnel departments and agencies under their jurisdiction. The Senator said he would support both Senator Scott's amendment and the proposal by Senator Stennis to exempt CIA from this section if the Scott amendment fails to pass the Senate.

13. (Confidential - GLC) Received a call from Charles Ablard, General Counsel, USIA, who said they have been talking with Mr. Bob Mosbacher, Legislative Assistant to Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.), about the Senator's amendment to strike section 205 of S. 3526 having to do with the dissemination of information abroad by U.S. Government agencies. Ablard suggested we contact Mosbacher and see if we can be of any assistance to him.

Mr. Maury and I visited with Bob Mosbacher who said they thought of calling up the Senator's amendment the latter part of this week but he was having second thoughts about this since he has some concern about the support they will get on the floor. We agreed it would be wise to hold off a few days on this if possible in an effort to try to get more favorable votes. Mosbacher said he had the feeling Senator Cooper might be sympathetic to the position of USIA, CIA and others concerning this section and suggested we talk with Senator Cooper and sound him out on this. He said if Cooper seems at all sympathetic, Senator Baker will follow up on this in an effort to gain his support for Baker's amendment. He also said David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, would be asked to contact Senator Aiken in support of the Baker amendment. Meanwhile Mosbacher asked if we would provide him with the language we have already developed modifying section 205, as reported by the Foreign Relations Committee, in order to meet the requirements of USIA and CIA in case Senator Baker needs this as a fallback position. We told him we would get this material to him.

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14. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Jack Ware, Administrative Assistant to Senator Gordon Allott, regarding the amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3526) requiring a ten percent cut in the overseas personnel of certain agencies. Ware thought Senator Allott would probably not support a motion to strike the amendment, but would support an exemption for CIA.

15. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, regarding the amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, who said he was sure Chairman Ellender would not vote to strike the amendment but might support an exemption for CIA.

16. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Chris Sylvester, Administrative Assistant to Senator Milton Young, regarding the ten percent personnel cut amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3526), who said Senator Young would undoubtedly support an exemption for CIA but probably would not support a motion to strike the amendment.

17. (Confidential - JMM) In the absence of Senator Henry Jackson, talked to Richard Perle, on the staff of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, regarding the ten percent personnel cut amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, who said he thought Senator Jackson would support a motion to strike the amendment or, if such a motion failed, an exemption for CIA.

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